

**Instructions:** Complete each of the following as practice.

1. Show each of the following sets is a vector space.
  - (a)  $U = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x + 2y - 3z = 0\}$  with the usual vector addition and scalar multiplication.
  - (b)  $V = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix} : a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$  with the usual matrix addition and scalar multiplication.
  - (c)  $W = \{a + bx : a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$  with the usual polynomial addition and scalar multiplication.
2. Show each of the following sets is NOT a vector space. Which vector space axiom(s) does each fail?
  - (a)  $U = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x + y + z = 1\}$  with the usual vector addition and scalar multiplication.
  - (b)  $V = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \pi & b \\ c & 0 \end{bmatrix} : a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$  with the usual matrix addition and scalar multiplication.
  - (c)  $W = \{p(x) \in \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R}) : p(0) = -3\}$  with the usual polynomial addition and scalar multiplication.
  - (d)  $X = \mathbb{R}^n$  with the usual vector addition and  $c \cdot v = \vec{0}$  for all  $v \in X$ .
3. Let  $V$  be an arbitrary (real) vector space. Prove the following.
  - (a) For all  $v \in V$  we have  $0 \cdot v = 0_V$ .
  - (b) For all  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  we have  $c \cdot 0_V = 0_V$ .
  - (c) For all  $v \in V$  we have  $-1 \cdot v = -v$  (i.e. the additive inverse of  $v$  is  $-1 \cdot v$ ).
4. Is the set of rational numbers a (real) vector space under addition and scalar multiplication? Why or why not?
5. Let  $S$  be an arbitrary set and let  $V$  be a vector space. Prove that the set  $\text{Func}(S, V)$  is a vector space under the operations  $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$  and  $(c \cdot f)(x) = cf(x)$ .
6. For further exercises, see the following (note: this list may break with future versions of these textbooks).
  - (a) [Beezer](#) NONE
  - (b) [Hefferon](#) page 92 (problems 1.17 – 1.45)
  - (c) [Matthews](#) NONE